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Sandy Ridge Visual and Performing Arts Elementary School Named National Magnet School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America

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Sandy Ridge Visual and Performing Arts Elementary School has been named a National Magnet School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America, the national association for magnet and theme-based schools.

Sandy Ridge opened in August 2011 as a visual and performing arts magnet school. The school's focus is on providing strong instruction in the core curriculum through the lens of visual and performing arts. The Sandy Ridge community is comprised of staff, students, and family and community partners who are committed to the arts program. The staff has diverse abilities, backgrounds, experiences, and culture to inspire creativity and innovation. The arts curriculum is integrated into daily instruction and school-wide art-centered performances. Learners have access to enriched art experiences such as dance, music, theatre, visual arts, science, storytelling, and more. In the summer of 2019, Sandy Ridge joined A+ Schools of North Carolina to enhance arts integration throughout the school.

Presentation of Distinction Award:

Principal Lanisha Hinton will be recognized and receive a National Magnet School of Distinction Merit Award on behalf of the school during an awards ceremony held at Magnet Schools of America's 38th National Conference hosted by Clark County School District in Clark County, Nevada, April 13-17, 2020.

To receive a national merit award, members of Magnet Schools of America must submit a detailed application that is scored by a panel of educators. These schools are judged and scored on their demonstrated ability to raise student academic achievement, promote racial and socioeconomic diversity, provide integrated curricula and instruction, and create strong family and community partnerships that enhance the school's magnet theme.

To learn more about the national merit awards program, please visit www.magnet.edu